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## **RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 19, 2006**

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2006, Applicant submits the following response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.